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This will benefit consumers. Anti-trust law should not be used to protect competitors like Sun, AOL, or Oracle. Competitors should have to compete. The law should not do their competing for them. Sun and AOL have tried to use this case to destroy their competition. Microsoft is dramatically bringing down the cost of large computer server installations and Sun does not want the price to come down. Sun wants to maintain crazy, high prices for server systems. AOL has a browser that competes very well with the Microsoft browser. The fact that AOL inexplicably pulled that product from the marketplace has nothing to do with Microsoft. If AOL would distribute that browser today it would reclaim 40% or more of the market. This is truly the only reason that AOL does not distribute its browser; they want to make Microsoft look bad. Watch my words, as soon as this antitrust case is finished AOL will suddenly decide to use their own Netscape browser and it will receive a wide audience and distribution. It would have a broad user base today but AOL refuses to distribute or support it because then it would be too obvious that Microsoft did not 'crush' Netscape. AOL simply removed it from the market.

The current settlement with the DOJ and Microsoft is excellent and is all that is required.

Thank You,

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Martin Luther King, Jr.